

November 14, 2013

The Board of Public Works & Safety met at 4:00 pm on the above date in the Meeting Room at City Hall Annex with Mayor Tucker presiding and members Fuelling and Curtis attending. Others attending were Chief Dixon; Lt. Angel; Comm. Dieterle; Supt. Givens; Supt. Gray; and Sara Manifold – Mount Vernon Democrat.

Mayor Tucker called the meeting to order by stating members were either mailed or hand carried copies of the minutes of their previous meeting and by asking if there were any corrections or additions. He added if not, he entertains a motion to waive their reading and to approve the minutes as presented.

Board member Curtis moved the reading of the minutes be waived and they be approved as presented. Seconded by Board member Fuelling.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Tucker requested action on the claims presented.

Board member Fuelling moved the claims presented be allowed for payment. Seconded by Board member Curtis.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Clerk-Treasurer Sitzman stated they have the minutes from the Special Session on November 7 that they need to address.

Board member Curtis moved the minutes of the Special Session be approved as presented.

Seconded by Board member Fuelling.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Tucker stated they will now hear the reports of the Departments.

Lt. Angel stated the new female officers are on the road and they started training yesterday.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Chief Dixon stated the Fire Department is applying for a federal grant to replace their Surrey Firehouse Trailer. If they are successful they will have to have a local match of between three and five percent.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Supt. Givens stated he would like to thank everyone that attended the ribbon cutting at the plant recently. He added they had a good turn out and he was pleased. He then stated he would like

permission to attend the IWEA Conference in Indianapolis on November 19 – 22. He has already registered, as early registration is cheaper; and made his hotel reservations.

Board member Fuelling moved permission to attend, use city credit card and vehicle, be given.

Seconded by Board member Curtis.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Board member Fuelling added he wanted to go on the record with a GOOD JOB to Supt. Givens concerning the ribbon cutting event.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Comm. Dieterle stated he would like permission to purchase an 800 gallon portable oil tank, which they will mount on one of their old dump trucks, for the Total Patcher. He added he has found one for \$12,500 and it is in stock.

Board member Curtis stated they have to have it.

Board member Fuelling agreed and added it will pay for itself.

Board member Curtis moved permission to purchase be given. Seconded by Board member Fuelling.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Mayor Tucker stated under Legals is a Resolution transferring tax sale parcels to Expressway Ministries, but he believes that will have to be tabled for now, as they have not received the Resolution from Attorney Higgins.

Mayor Tucker asked if anyone in the Audience wished to address the Board ?

Supt. Gray stated he is present on behalf of Christmas on Main Street, December 7, seeking permission to close 10th Street from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm for parade line up and Main Street at 5:00 pm for the parade.

Board member Curtis moved permission be given. Seconded by Board member Fuelling.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

Supt. Gray added he will also need two parking spots on Water Street left empty, on the south side of E. Water, for the floats to be able to make the turn.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Supt. Gray then stated he has been battling the “Crow Issue” and they seem to be congregating earlier this year. He would like to purchase a laser to help run them off – they run around \$1,000 but he has found one for \$269.00. In order to make the purchase he will need to use a credit card and he would use his own, but then he would have to pay tax and he doesn’t get reimbursed for taxes. He asked for permission to use the city credit card to make the purchase of the bird laser.

Board member Fuelling moved permission to use the card be given. Seconded by Board member Curtis.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any Old Business ?

Board member Fuelling stated he wants to discuss, to refresh his own memory, the Riverbend utility building. He stated they have set money aside for it and it has been downgraded from a two-story building to a one-story. The Greater Mount Vernon Association is still on board with the project and he wondered if they needed to re-do a motion for anything on this or if they were good. He added the plans need to be given to Mel Levin, who will get quotes on the construction.

Board member Curtis moved pending legal review, Board member Fuelling get the plans to Mr. Levin for him to get quotes and if GMVA is paying for the building, they may proceed with the work. Seconded by Board member Fuelling.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any New Business ?

Clerk-Treasurer Sitzman stated she would like to get permission to request an advance draw on the tax settlement.

Board member Fuelling moved permission to request he advance be given. Seconded by board member Curtis.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Clerk-Treasurer Sitzman stated with no meeting on Thanksgiving, they need approval to pay the payroll on the 27th as well as, normal procedure in the past, permission to pay pensions, sales of vacation, and clothing allowances with the first pays in December.

Board member Fuelling moved permission be given. Seconded by Board member Curtis.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Board member Curtis stated the fire department has had a mutual aid agreement in the past with Black Township Fire & Rescue. He would like Board to give Chief Dixon authority to work on said agreement again, and sign off when an agreement has been reached. He added they need this to move forward with the new police and fire station, a "memo of understanding".

Board member Fuelling moved authorization be given. Seconded by Board member Curtis.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Tucker stated if there was no further business, he entertains a motion to adjourn.

Board member Fuelling moved the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Board member Curtis.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously and adjourned the meeting.

John Tucker, Mayor

ATTEST:

Cristi L. Sitzman
Clerk-Treasurer